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DATE: 24 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER TO CAIRO

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LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD MADE AN UNEXPECTED TRIP TO CAIRO LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO ARAB PRESS SOURCES. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF JALLUD'S RECENT TRAVELS. DURING THE PAST WEEK HE HAS GONE TO ROME AND PARIS AND RETURNED TO TRIPOLI BRIEFLY BEFORE GOING ON TO CAIRO.

THE PRESS SPECULATES THAT JALLUD MAY BE TRYING TO RESOLVE THE CONTROVERSY THAT HAS ARISEN FROM PRESIDENT SADAT'S PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT LIBYAN MIRAGE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN EGYPT FOR OVER A YEAR IN VIOLATION OF A FRENCH ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST MIDDLE EAST COMBATANTS. OTHER SOURCES BELIEVE JALLUD'S

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CAIRO VISIT MAY BE RELATED TO A BEIRUT PRESS STORY THAT TRIPOLI
ALL
INTENDS TO SEVERE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES WITH CAIRO.

THE AIR OF SECRECY SURROUNDING JALLUD'S COMINGS AND GOINGS
SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY BE INVOLVED IN DELICATE FENCE-MENDING.

THE MIRAGE ISSUE HAS CAUSED PARIS CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT AND
MAY HAVE REQUIRED AN EXPLANATION AND APOLOGIES TO FRENCH OFFICIALS
FROM THE LIBYAN SIDE.

IT IS MORE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT JALLUD IS TRYING TO SMOOTH
OVER BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH CAIRO. TALKS BETWEEN QADHAFI AND
SADAT LAST WEEKEND DID NOT GO WELL. ALTHOUGH THE TWO SIDES AGREED
TO STOP PUBLIC BACK-BITING, THE MEETING APPARENTLY REINFORCED
SADAT'S CONVICTION THAT EGYPT COULD NO LONGER DEAL WITH QADHAFI.

JALLUD'S BRIEF STOP IN TRIPOLI BEFORE GOING TO CAIRO SUGGESTS
THAT HE MAY HAVE CONSULTED WITH QADHAFI, BUT IT IS QUESTIONABLE
WHETHER THE TWO LIBYAN LEADERS ARE OF THE SAME MIND ON HOW TO
HANDLE PROBLEMS WITH EGYPT. IN THE PAST, JALLUD HAS PRIVATELY
DISAGREED WITH QADHAFI'S ANTIGONISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD SADAT, AND
HE MAY NOW FEEL COMPELLED TO ASSERT HIMSELF--WITH OR WITHOUT

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